



### Three Decades of Shaping Global Learning: The Remarkable Journey of CILC

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The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) and its impact on education is inspiring! Established in 1994, CILC will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. CILC has evolved from its humble beginnings in Indiana and is now a leader in educational methodology; transforming how individuals connect, learn, and explore the world.

In its infancy, CILC pioneered videoconferencing to bridge educational gaps. The goal was to link K-12 schools, libraries, and hospitals through interactive classes. This groundwork allowed CILC to expand access to learning beyond the traditional classroom

and initiated a new way of thinking.

A connection with the Indianapolis Zoo and a K-12 class marked a turning point for CILC. The encounter began a shift in thinking that transformed CILC into an organization that encouraged global collaboration and proved how technology could enrich the educational experience by fostering cross-cultural understanding. Over the years, CILC has expanded and become an important resource for K-12 schools, libraries, hospitals, and aging adults. By providing access to museums, zoos, science centers, field experts, and Halls of Fame, it continues to broaden horizons both nationally and internationally.

In 2015, CILC became part of SCSC. Since that time, CILC has continued to show its position as an innovative leader in education by providing resources and opportunities to learners worldwide.



Throughout the anniversary year, CILC will host a series of special events! We invite you to join us each month as we host exciting guests on the Community of Learning livestream series for kids, special Member Meetups, or virtual live tours of National Parks. There is something for everyone!

For more information on CILC's anniversary events, visit [cilc.org/turns30](http://cilc.org/turns30).

### 30 Years of CILC: The Value of Interactive Learning!

